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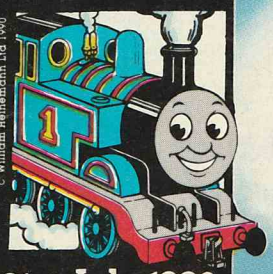

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Is Daisy scared of the cows?

THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Daisy the Diesel Railcar has insisted that she should be the first engine to run on the new line on the Island of Sodor. But the new line runs past some cow fields... and Daisy does not like cows at all! The story begins on the next page! Peep! Peep!

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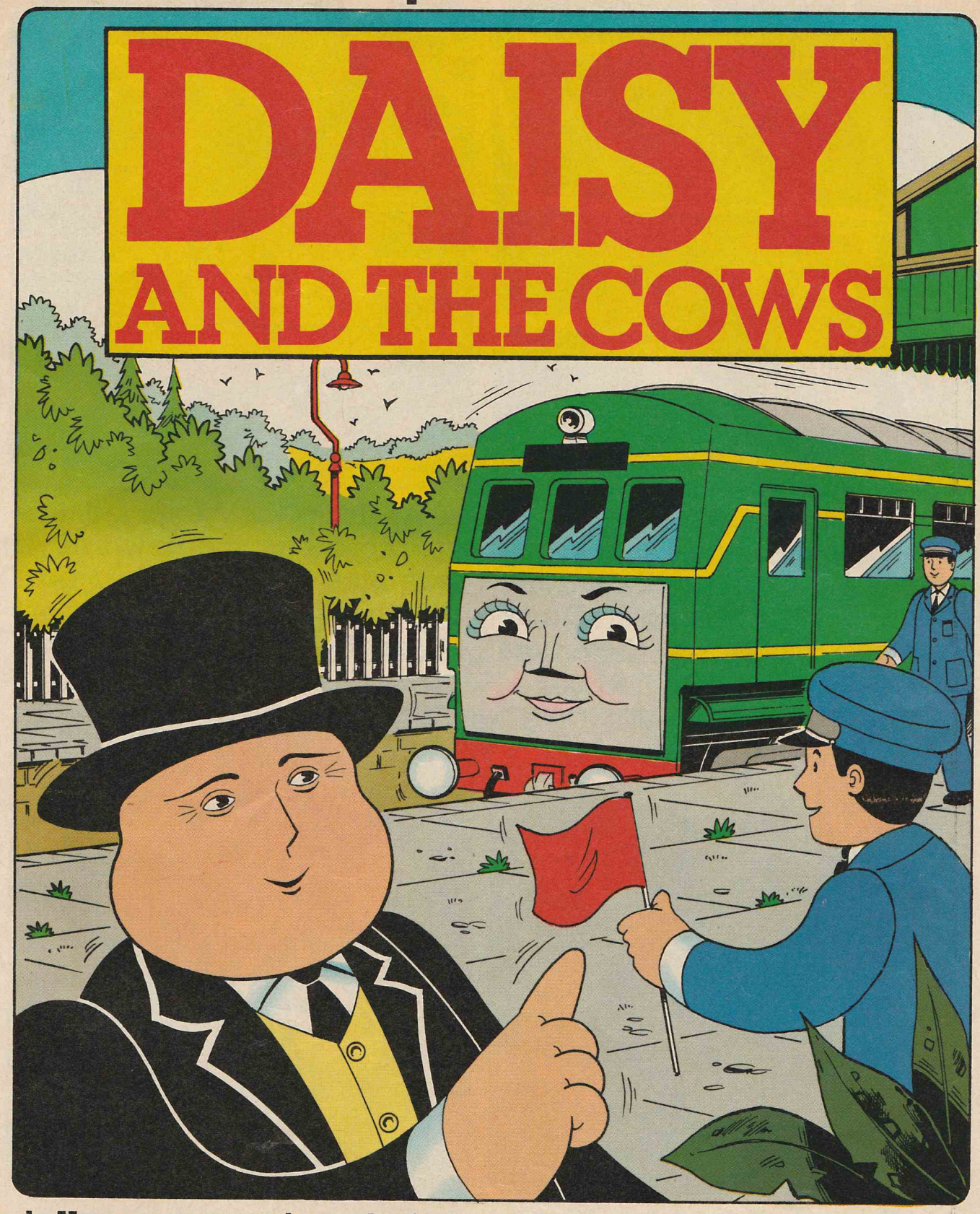
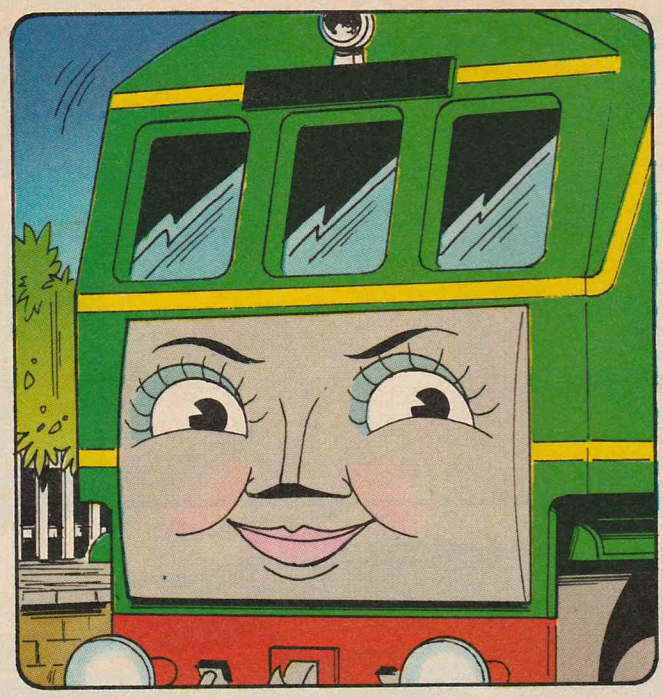


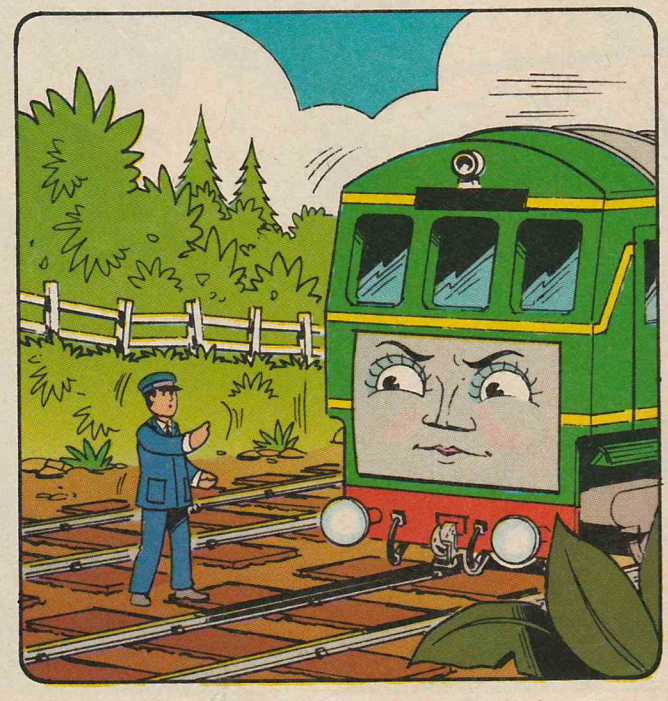
1. Have you ever heard of an engine who was frightened of cows? Daisy the diesel railcar was! "Horrible, big, noisy creatures," she would complain loudly.

2. Daisy was fussy too. When a new line was laid to extend the railway on the Island of Sodor, Daisy insisted that she should be the first to run on the new line.

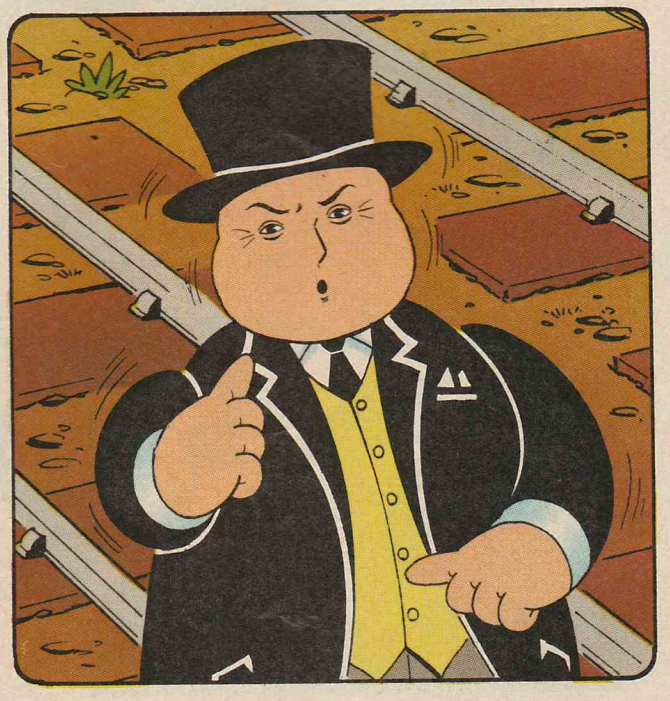


3. "You are quite welcome to work the new line, Daisy." said the Fat Controller. "But I don't want any fussing." Daisy agreed to be on her best behaviour.

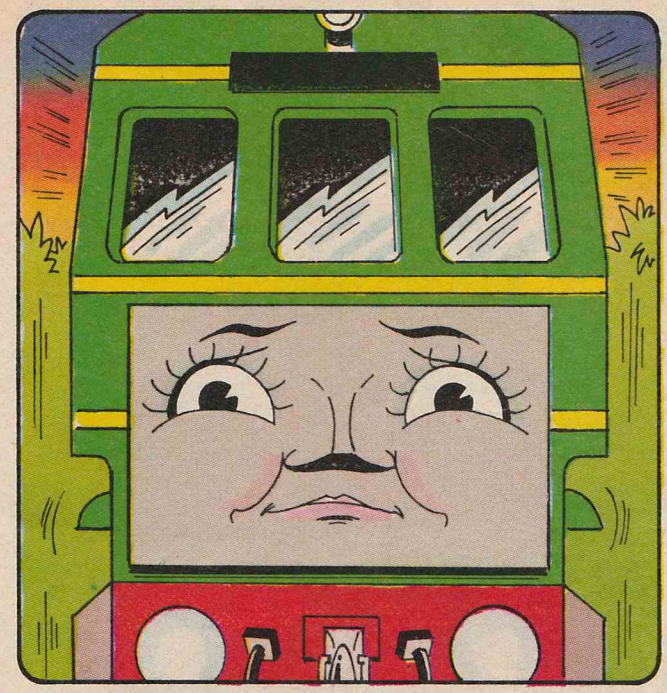
4. At first, Daisy enjoyed travelling along the new line. It was nice to see another part of the Island of Sodor. Then she saw a field full of cows!



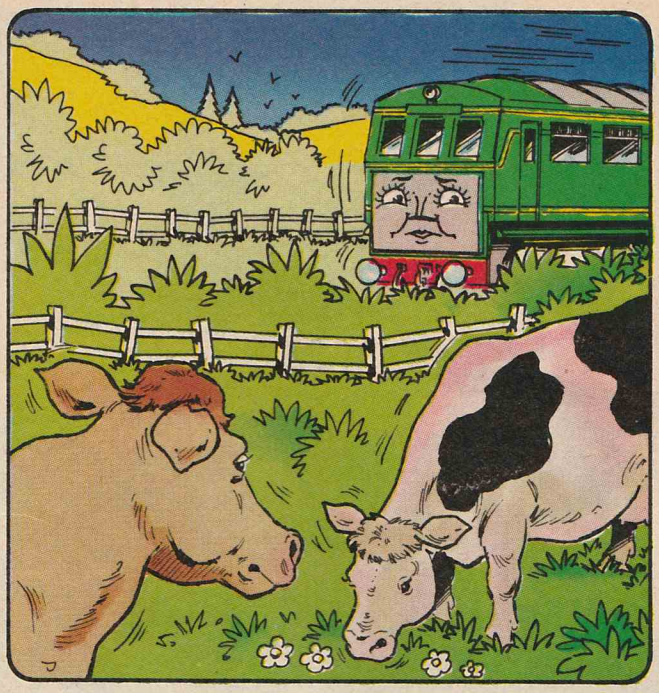
5. Daisy jammed her brakes on. No matter what her driver tried, Daisy wouldn't move. "I'm not going to pass cows, and that's that!" said Daisy huffily.



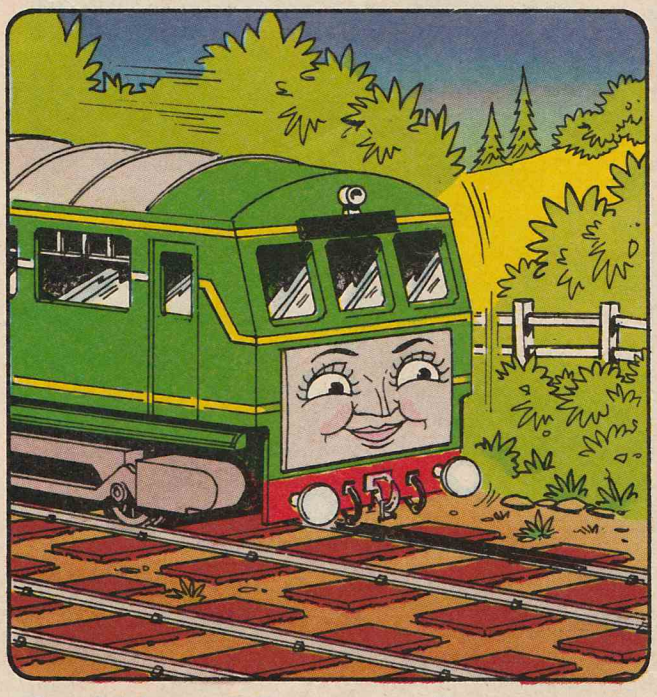
6. Finally, Daisy had to be returned to the station. The Fat Controller was very cross indeed. "You have disrupted my railway, you are very naughty" he told Daisy.



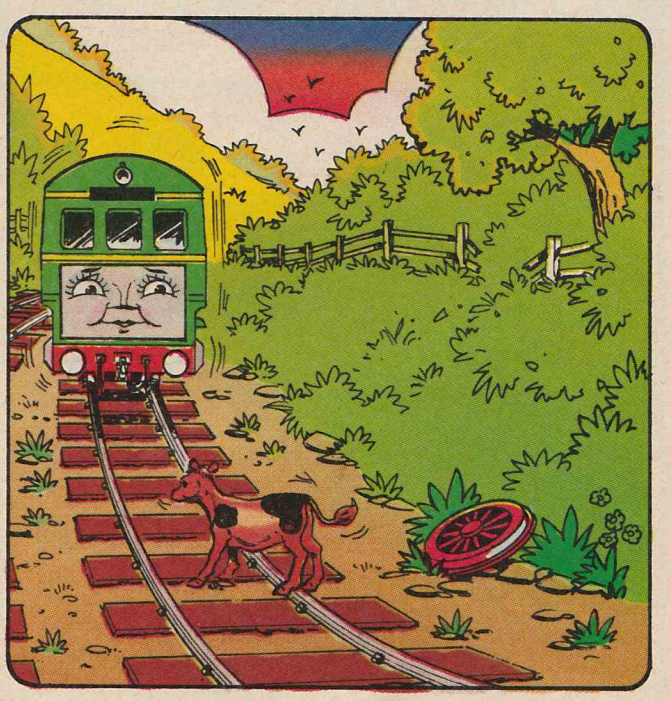
7. The Fat Controller warned Daisy that if she didn't behave, he would send her to the shed. "Oh, dear," said Daisy. "I had better do as I am told."



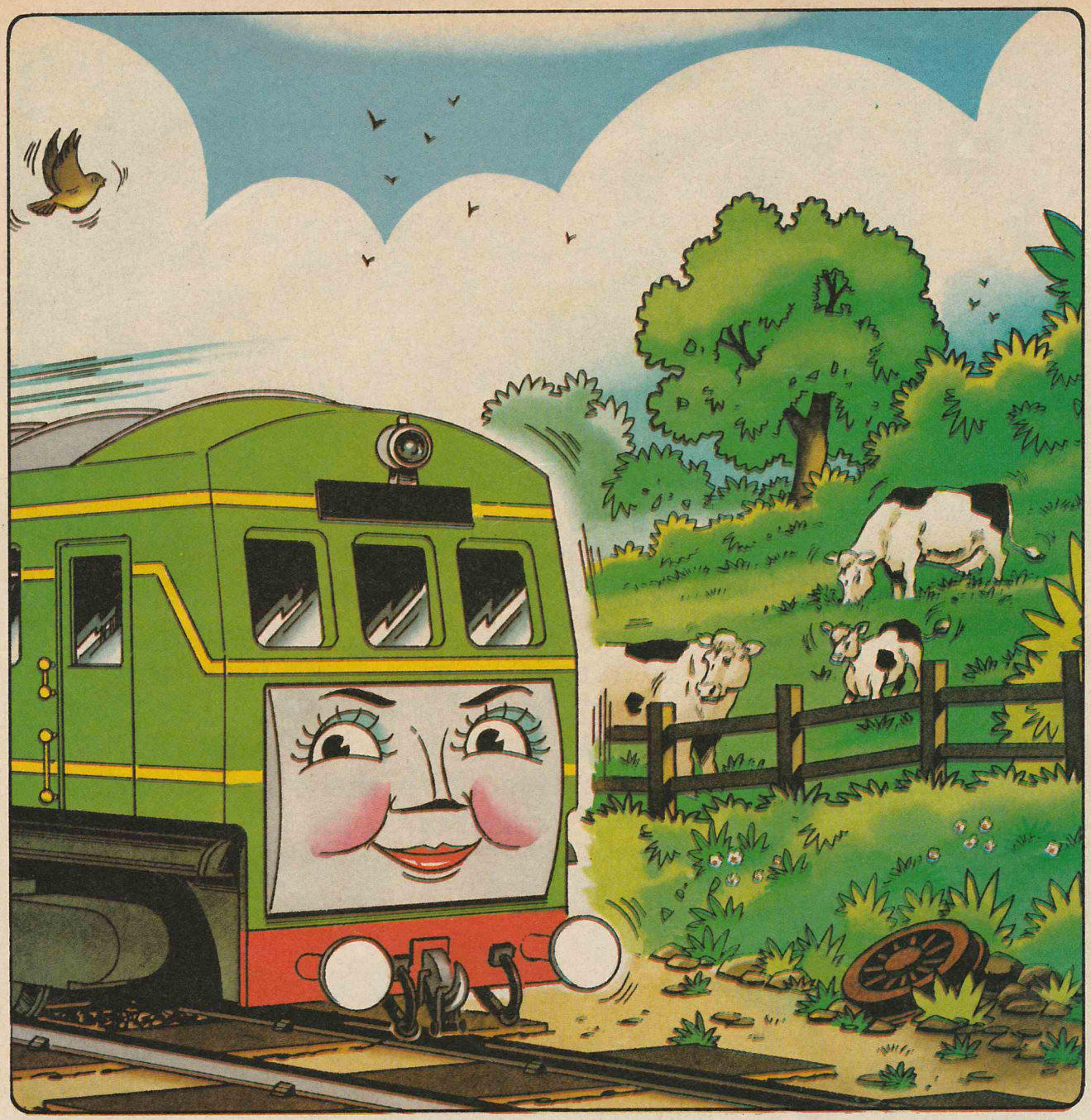
8. For the first week, Daisy tried very hard to ignore the cows when she passed by the field. It wasn't easy though, because she was very frightened of them.



9. "At least they can't run onto the track while they are safely in their field," Daisy said, sensibly. The next day, Daisy had a surprise as she travelled along the line.



10. There, on the track, was a young calf. Daisy's driver put on the brakes. "Oh, help!" cried Daisy. "We must stop quickly." The calf also cried in fright.



11. "The little calf must have escaped through the gap in the hedge," said Daisy's driver. "Don't make a noise, Daisy. He's very frightened of you." Daisy was surprised. "Scared of me?" she exclaimed. "But I wouldn't harm an animal," she said. The driver picked up the calf and carefully carried him to his field.

12. "Cows are very gentle creatures. But big engines like you can frighten them." Daisy began to realise how silly she had been. "I won't be afraid anymore," she said. The next time Daisy passed the field, she saw the calf munching grass with all the other cows. The cows mooed contentedly. "Cows **are** nice, gentle animals," said Daisy, happily.

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In our next issue: Trouble for Duck!

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A read-aloud story!

Edward and the Farmer!

One day Edward was pulling a long passenger train. As he approached the first station on his branch line he noticed that one of the passengers waiting on the platform was a farmer. He had six large crates stacked up on top of each other. The farmer carried the crates over to the guard's van.

"What's in there?" asked the guard.

"They're my chickens," said the farmer. "I'm selling them to another farmer who lives further along the line. Can I put them in the guard's van with you?"

"I think you'll have to," said the guard.

chickens

The farmer loaded up the crates, all six of them. He wanted to stay in the guard's van with the chickens, but the guard said he would have to ride in the coaches.

The farmer sat down in the next coach. With a loud whistle Edward pulled out of the station. The farmer rode to the very last station on Edward's line.

"Peep peep!" whistled Edward.

"Everybody off!" called the conductor. "This is the end of the line."

The farmer unloaded his crates. He set them out on the platform. The other farmer was waiting for him with a tractor and trailer which he had brought to carry the chickens.

Meanwhile, the conductor

was walking through one of the coaches to check that no luggage had been left behind when he heard a strange noise. . . **brawk!**

"What was that?" he asked in surprise.

"Oh, that must be the chicken that escaped!" said the guard looking relieved.

"What do you mean, a chicken?" asked the conductor.

"Well, I was looking after six crates of chickens for the farmer but there was a small hole in one crate and a naughty chicken squeezed through and ran away. I'm glad you've found him. We had better try and catch him and give him back to the farmer." Edward whistled "Peep peep!"

The farmer looked up and Edward's guard waved him over. The guard explained what had happened to the farmer. The farmer knew what to do. He pulled some chicken feed out of his pocket and sprinkled it on the floor. The greedy chicken hurried over to the food and began pecking. The farmer gently picked up the chicken and put him back in the crate.

"I'll help you mend the crate," said the guard as he hammered a piece of wood over the hole. And everybody laughed about the chicken that got away – including Edward!

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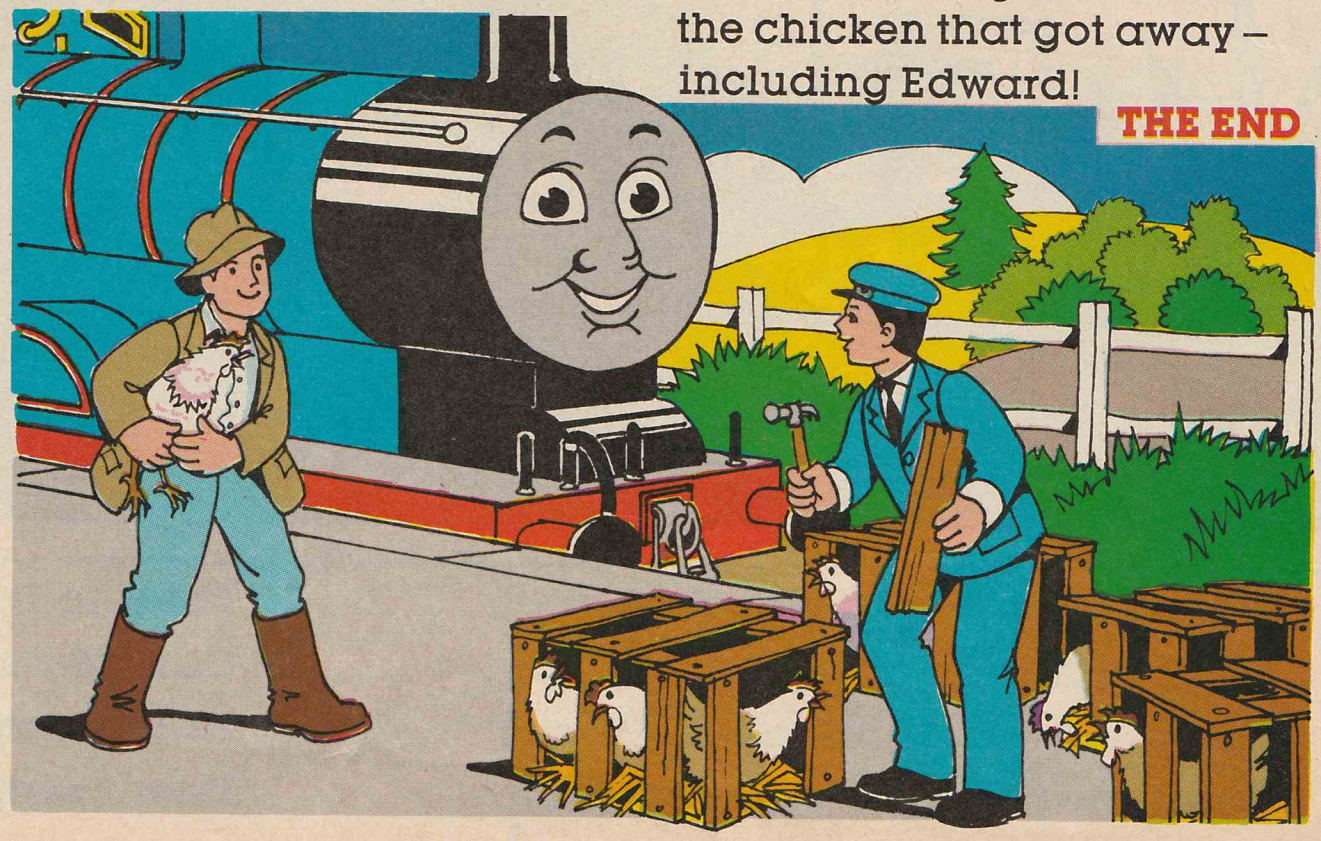

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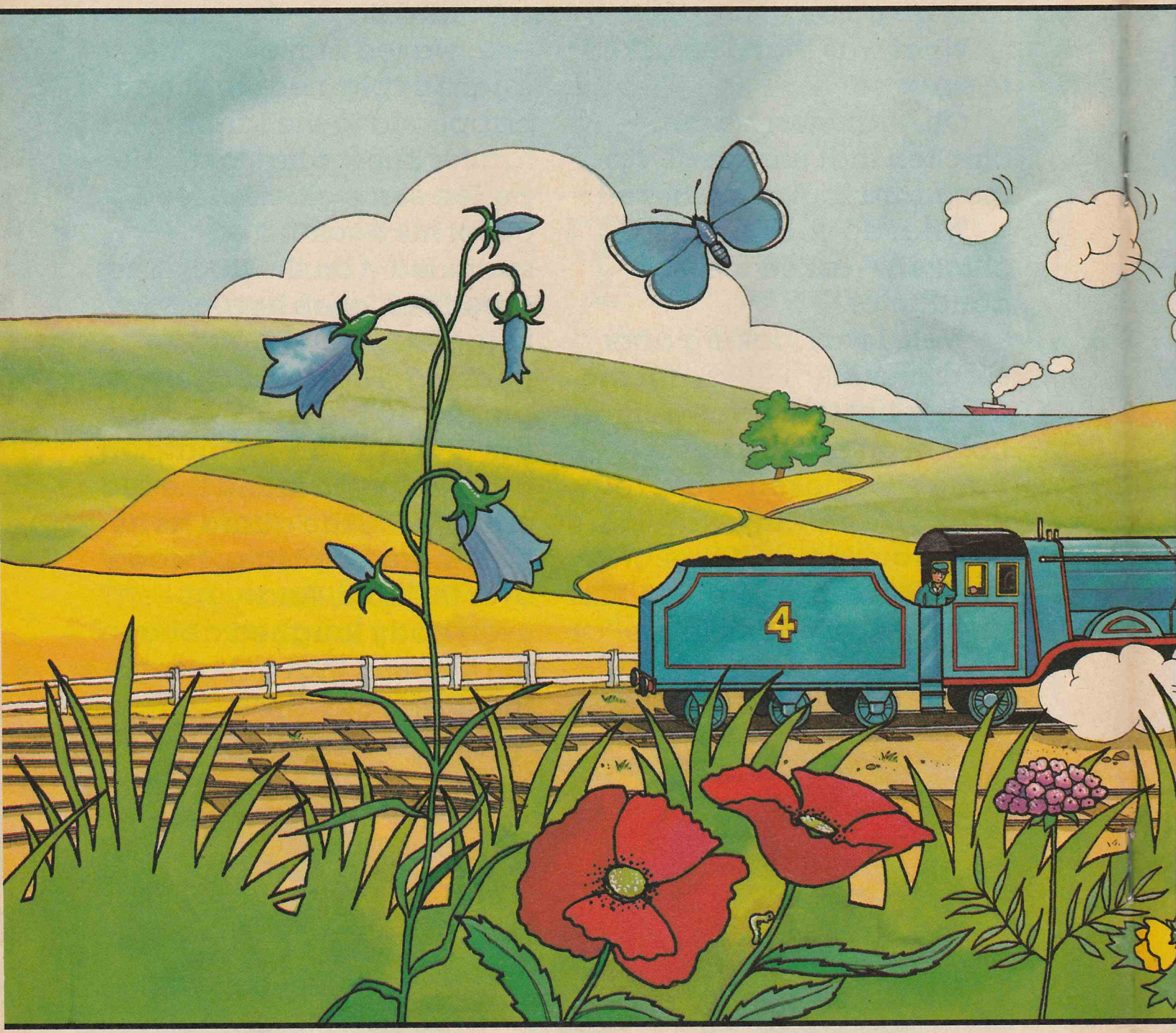

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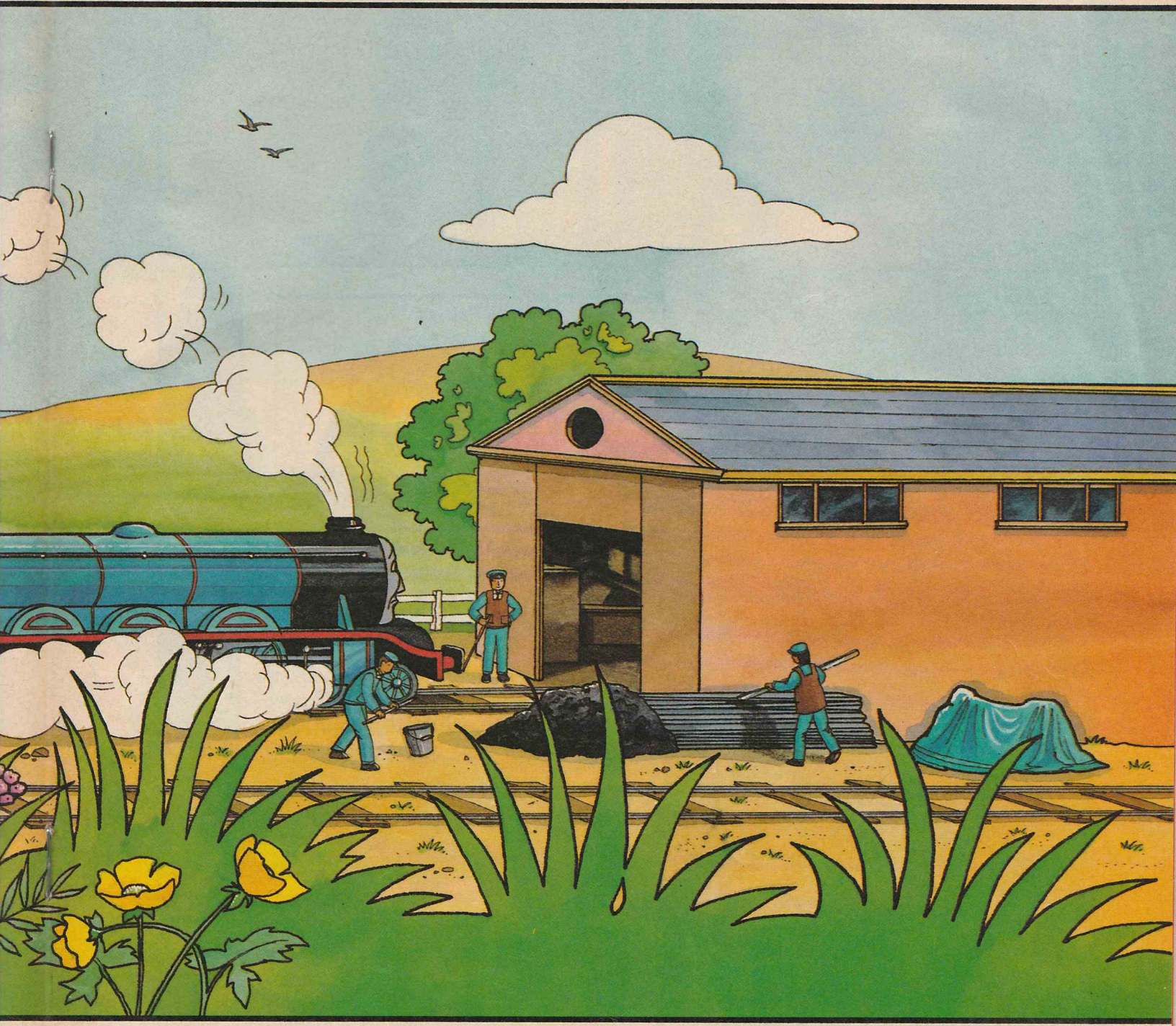

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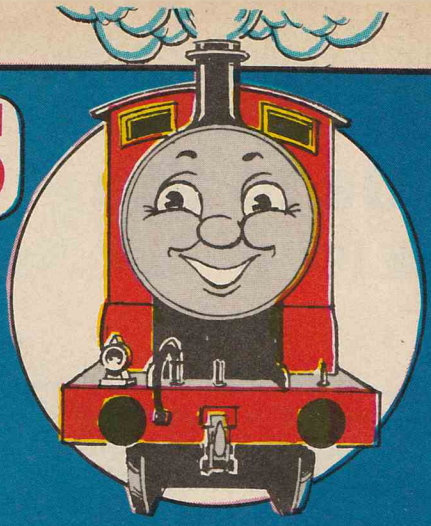
Next issue: Through the yard!

JOIN THE DOTS!

What is keeping warm in front of the fire? Join the dots, both numbers and letters, to find out!

JAMES'S JAPES



Have you got a favourite joke? James would love to hear it. Send it to him at the address on the letters page!

What do birds like to watch on television?
The feather forecast!
Michael, aged 6.

What kind of fish do knights prefer?
Swordfish!
Andrew, aged 5.

What is a sheep's hairdresser called?
A baa-baa shop!
Melanie, aged 5.

What do mice do all day?
Mousework!
Daniel, aged 6.

How did the frog feel?
Very hoppy!
Martin, aged 4.

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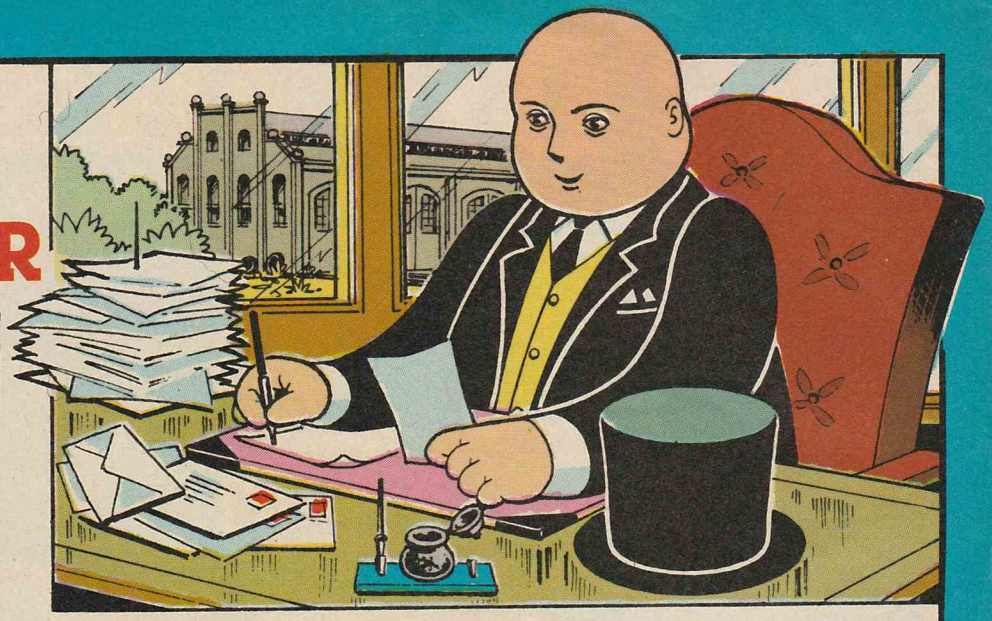

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
When Mummy takes me to the newsagent's shop, we play 'Tank Engines' all the way. We go through a tunnel that we have named 'Henry's Tunnel' and sing a song. Sometimes if it is raining, I act like Henry and stay in the tunnel!

From **Nicholas**, aged 4.

Gracious me! *What a splendid game to play! I do hope that you don't stay in the tunnel too long though – remember what happened to poor Henry!*

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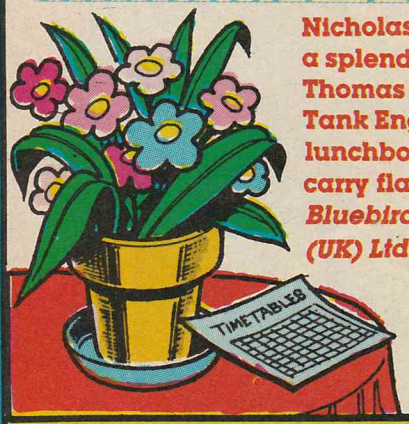

Nicholas wins a splendid Thomas the Tank Engine lunchbox and carry flask from *Bluebird Toys (UK) Ltd.*

SPARKLING CLEAN!

Dear Fat Controller,
How often do Thomas and all the other engines get washed? They must get very dirty working on your railway!

Love from **Stuart**, aged 4.

Indeed you are correct, Stuart! All of my engines do get extremely dirty very quickly. We have a special cleaning rota for each individual engine! But if my engines have an accident, like James with the tar wagons, then they get cleaned up right away!

BEAUTIFUL BEACHES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Are there any beaches on the Island of Sodor that children can make sandcastles on?

From **Tony** aged 3.

Indeed there are! As a matter of fact, you can see one of the Island of Sodor's splendid beaches on the cover of one of our past issues – number 44! And in it's Fun to Learn with Thomas issue 9 we are discovering the seaside!

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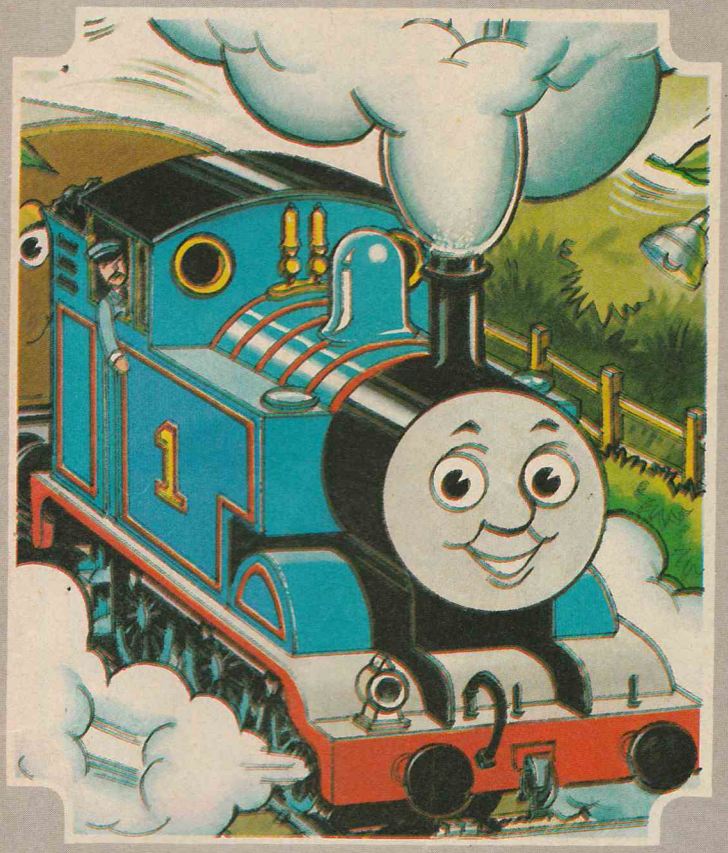

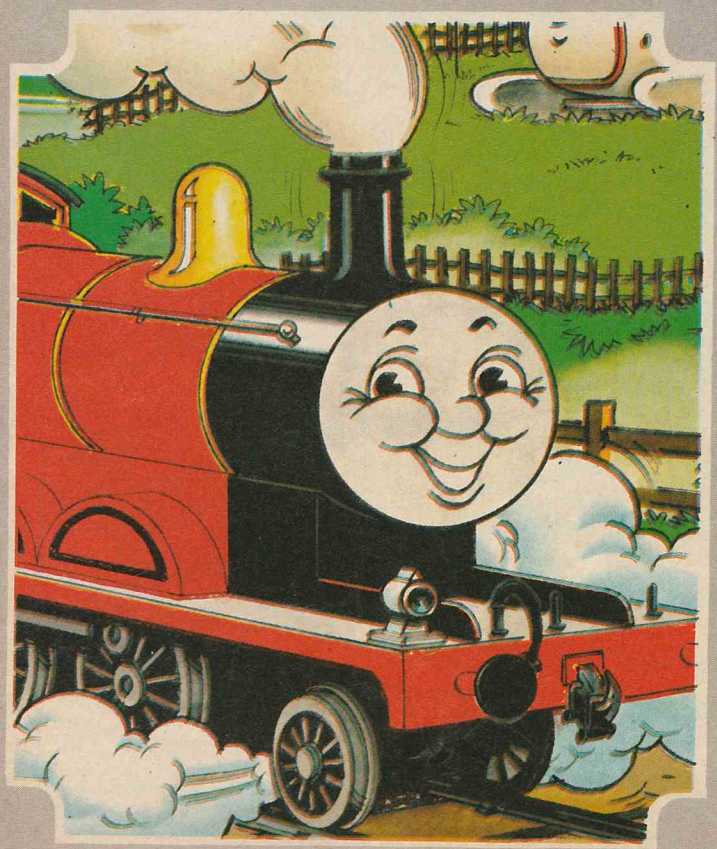

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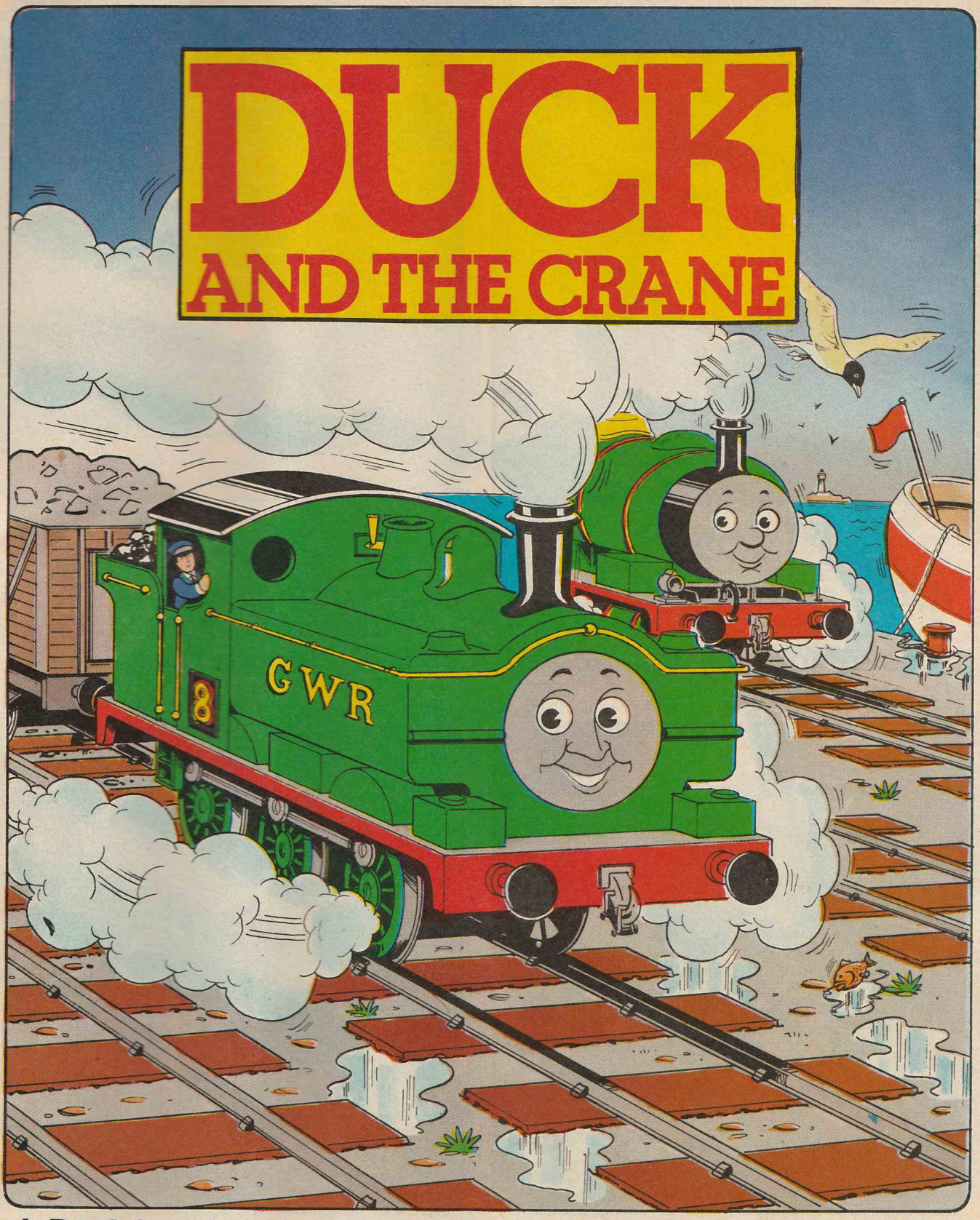
But they need some colour – that's up to you!

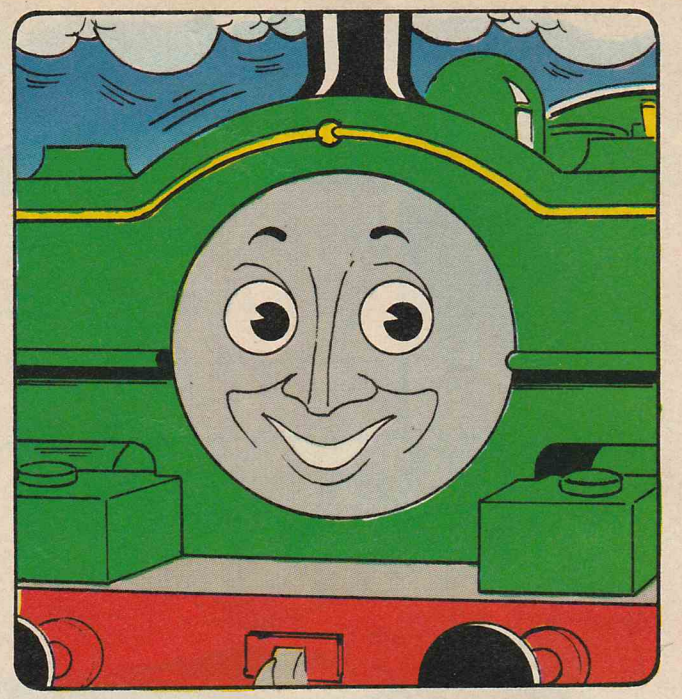
A listen and look story!



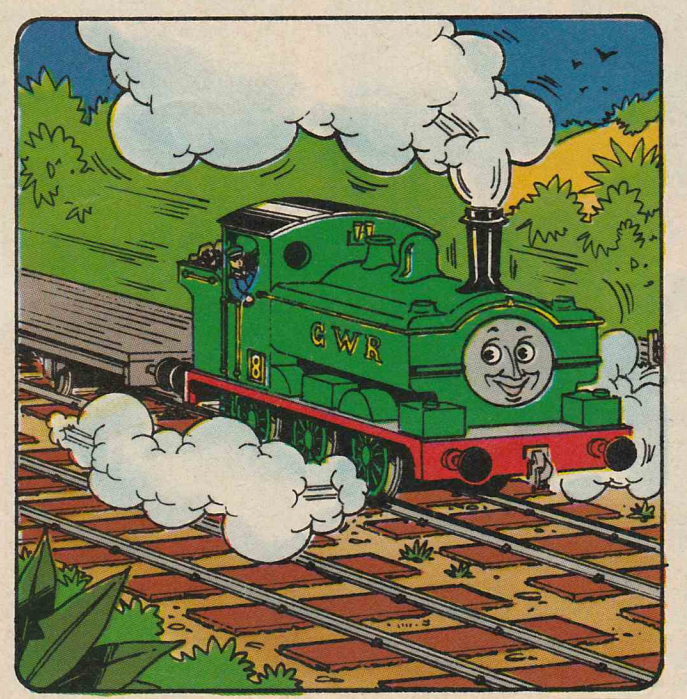
1. Duck is a cheerful little tank engine. He may be small but he works very hard and takes no nonsense from the bigger engines. His real name is Montague.

2. Duck is always busy. He collects coaches for the big tender engines. He shunts trucks with Diesel and he pulls long goods trains to and from the harbour.

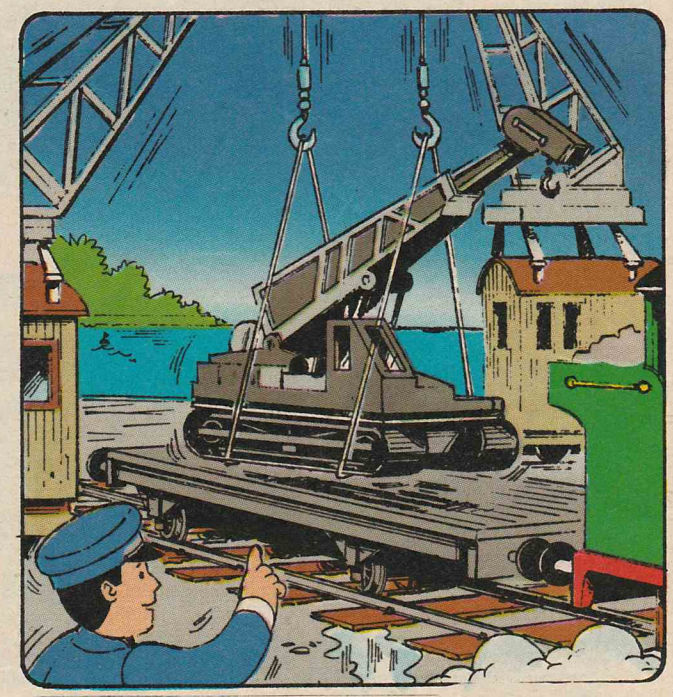
3. One day a message came from the Fat Controller. The Harbour Stationmaster came out to inform Duck. "There's a special job for you today, Duck," he said.



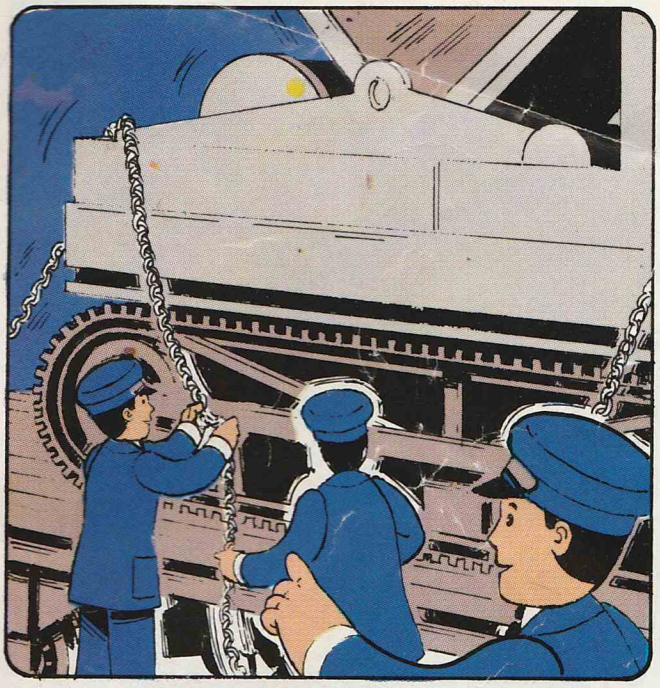
4. "What is it?" asked Duck, eager to help. "There's a crane arriving on one of the big ships," said the Station-master. "It must be delivered quickly to the quarry."



5. Duck was sent to collect a long flat truck to carry the crane. He took the flat truck onto the harbour quay where the ship with the crane was docked.



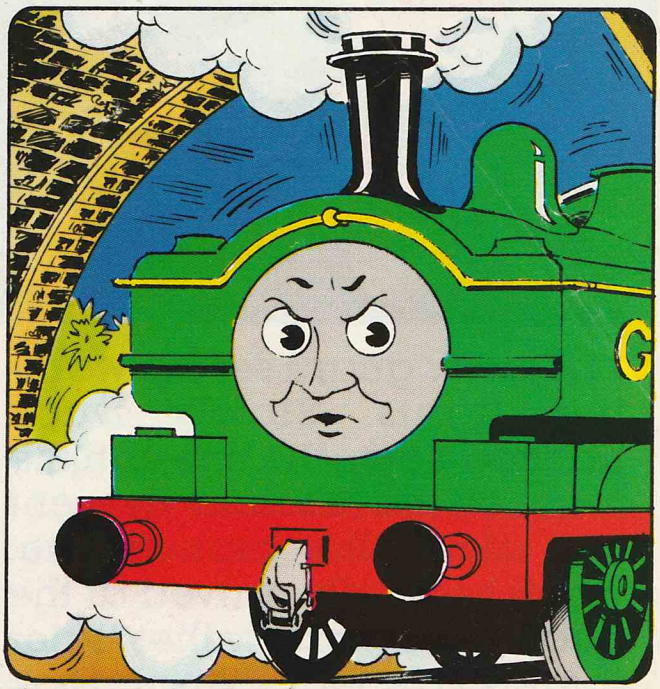
6. Duck shunted the flat truck on the quay so it was under the huge crane. Two pulleys were needed to unload the crane from the big ship and lower it onto Duck's truck.



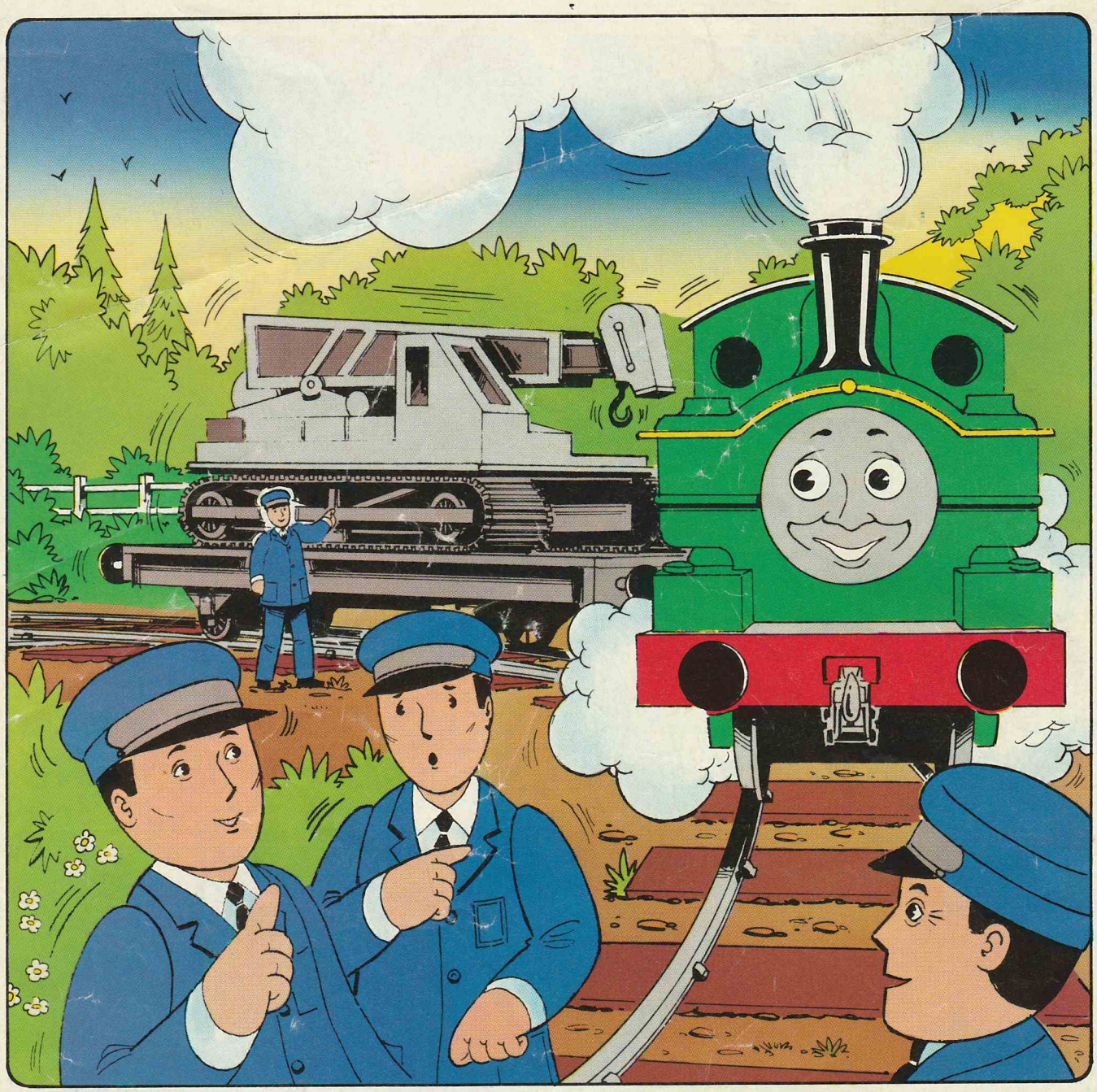
7. When the crane was in place, the men tied it onto the truck with long chains. Duck was ready to go. He knew the crane needed to be delivered quickly.

8. Duck set off with the crane. "Wait!" called the men at the docks, but Duck didn't hear. Off he went along the main line. Then they reached a tunnel!

9. "Stop! Stop!!" called the guard. Duck came to a halt. Screeech! The back half of Duck was sticking out of the tunnel. The crane was too tall to go through!



10. Duck was very cross. "I'm going to be late. Why didn't they tell me the crane was so tall?" he moaned. "Now, I'll have to take the long way to the quarry."



11. Duck's guard set out warning lights. Slowly Duck backed down the line until he reached the junction. He went fast along the branch line. When he finally arrived at the quarry, he was rather later than expected! "What took you so long?" the workmen asked his driver. "We had to take the long route," he replied.

12. "The crane wouldn't go through the tunnel." "I'm not surprised!" said one of the men. "The arm is raised!" Duck's driver climbed up into the crane. He pulled a lever. Down came the arm until it was low enough to go through any tunnel! "We could have taken the quick route after all, Duck," laughed his driver.

THE END

In our next issue: James and the signalman!